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**TO:** All Individuals and Groups Interested in the Activities of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing

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**SUBJECT:** Updated National Board Certification Equivalency List for Out-of-State Trained Teachers

On January 4, 1999, the Commission distributed Coded Correspondence 99-9901 that pertained to out-of-state teachers earning a California teaching credential based on National Board Certification. The Coded Correspondence included a chart that identified subject areas offered by the National Board and the equivalent California credential. Since then, the National Board has expanded the subject areas. This Coded Correspondence provides an updated equivalency chart, briefly reviews AB 858 and outlines the requirements for holders to earn a California credential.

On August 21, 1998, the Governor signed Assembly Bill 858 (Davis) (Statutes of 1998, Chapter 331) that allows a teacher who is licensed to teach in a state other than California, and who is certified by the National Board, to be issued a clear teaching credential in the subject area in which they have received national certification. Individuals meeting this provision are exempt from CBEST and all other credential requirements.

**Requirements to Earn a California Credential:**

Out-of-state trained teachers who are National Board certified must submit the following to obtain a credential from the Commission. Out-of-state trained individuals currently teaching in California, who attained National Board certification while in California, are also eligible:

1. a copy of an out-of-state teaching credential;
2. a copy of the National Board Certificate;
3. a completed credential application (41-4);
4. a completed application for character and identification clearance (41-CIC), if not already on file with the Commission;
5. two fingerprint cards or livescan submission, if not already on file with the Commission; and
6. the appropriate fee.

<b>National Board Certification</b>	<b>Equivalent California Certification</b>
Early Childhood (ages 3-8)/Generalist	Multiple Subject
Middle Childhood (ages 7-12)/Generalist	Multiple Subject
Early Adolescence (ages 11-15)/Generalist	Multiple Subject
Early Adolescence (ages 11-15)/English Language Arts	Single Subject English
Early Adolescence (ages 11-15)/Mathematics	Single Subject Mathematics
Early Adolescence (ages 11-15)/Science	Single Subject Science: Biological Sciences, Chemistry, GeoSciences, Physics <b>* (based upon out-of-state certification)</b>
Early Adolescence (ages 11-15)/Social Studies/History	Single Subject Social Science
Adolescence and Young Adulthood (ages 14-18+)/ English Language Arts	Single Subject English
Adolescence and Young Adulthood (ages 14-18+)/ Mathematics	Single Subject Mathematics
Adolescence and Young Adulthood (ages 14-18+)/ Science	Single Subject Science: Biological Sciences, Chemistry, GeoSciences, Physics <b>* (based upon out-of-state certification)</b>
Adolescence and Young Adulthood (ages 14-18+)/ Social Studies/History	Single Subject Social Science
Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood (11-18+)/ Career and Technical Education	Single Subject Industrial and Technology Education
Early Childhood through Young Adulthood (ages 3-18+)/ Art	Single Subject Art
Early Childhood through Young Adulthood (ages 3-18+)/ Physical Education	Single Subject Physical Education
Early Childhood through Young Adulthood (ages 3-18+)/ Exceptional Needs	Education Specialist: Mild/Moderate Disabilities Moderate/Severe Disabilities Deaf and Hard of Hearing Visual Impairments Physical & Health Impairments Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE/ ages 0-Pre K) <b>** (based upon out-of-state certification)</b>

- \* Teachers holding National Board Certification in the area of Science, will be issued the specific California science authorization based upon an out-of-state credential or official transcripts from an accredited college or university.
- \*\* Teachers holding National Board Certification in the area of Special Education, will be issued the specific California special education authorization based upon the appropriate course work completed in a teacher preparation program. All course work must be submitted on official transcripts from an accredited college or university and clearly identify one of the areas of special education: *Mild/Moderate Disabilities, Moderate/Severe Disabilities, Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Visual Impairments, Physical & Health Impairments and Early Childhood Special Education.*

## Questions

If you have questions about National Board Certification, please contact the Commission at (916) 445-7254 (toll free 1-888-921-2682) or send e-mail to <credentials@ctc.ca.gov>.